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REQUEST

FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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| Application No. | 09/481,840 |
| Filing Date | January 12, 2000 |
| First Named Inventor | Michael Hanson |
| Art Unit | 2176 |
| Examiner Name | S. Hong |
| Attorney Docket Number | 4860P1712C |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) required
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) and any additional claims fee(s)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other: (\$0.00)
- b. Check in the amount of \$770.00 enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclose)

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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| Name (Print/Type) | Kerry D. Tweet | Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) | 45,959 |
| Signature | | Date | December 12, 2003 |

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

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| Name (Print/Type) | Angie C. Farr | Date | December 12, 2003 |
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FEET TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 770.00)

Complete if Known

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

 Check Credit card Money Order Other None
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Deposit Account Number **02-2666**Deposit Account Name **Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman LLP**

The Commissioner is authorized to: (check all that apply)

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- Charge fee(s) indicated below
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- Credit any overpayments
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- Charge any additional fee(s) required under 37 CFR §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.18 and 1.20
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Paid |
|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|------------------------|
| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | |
| 1001 | 770 | 2001 | 385 | Utility filing fee |
| 1002 | 340 | 2002 | 170 | Design filing fee |
| 1003 | 530 | 2003 | 265 | Plant filing fee |
| 1004 | 770 | 2004 | 385 | Reissue filing fee |
| 1005 | 160 | 2005 | 80 | Provisional filing fee |
| SUBTOTAL (1) | | (\$) | | |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| Total Claims | 20 | 23* | = | 0 | X | 18.00 | = | \$0.00 | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|----|-----|---|---|---|-------|---|--------|----------|
| Independent Claims | 3 | 3* | = | 0 | X | 86.00 | = | \$0.00 | |
| Multiple Dependent | | | | | | | | | |

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description |
|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|---|
| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | |
| 1202 | 18 | 2202 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 | 86 | 2201 | 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 | 290 | 2203 | 145 | Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 | 86 | 2204 | 43 | **Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 | 18 | 2205 | 9 | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |
| SUBTOTAL (2) | | (\$) | | 0.00 |

*or number previously paid, if greater. For Reissues, see below

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|---|
| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) |
| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet |
| 2053 | 130 | 2053 | 130 Non-English specification |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 | 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 Extension for reply within first month |
| 1252 | 420 | 2252 | 210 Extension for reply within second month |
| 1253 | 950 | 2253 | 475 Extension for reply within third month |
| 1254 | 1,480 | 2254 | 740 Extension for reply within fourth month |
| 1255 | 1,210 | 2255 | 605 Extension for reply within fifth month |
| 1404 | 330 | 2401 | 165 Notice of Appeal |
| 1402 | 330 | 2402 | 165 Filing a brief in support of an appeal |
| 1403 | 290 | 2403 | 145 Request for oral hearing |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 2451 | 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable |
| 1453 | 1,330 | 2453 | 665 Petition to revive - unintentional |
| 1501 | 1,330 | 2501 | 665 Utility issue fee (or reissue) |
| 1502 | 480 | 2502 | 240 Design issue fee |
| 1503 | 640 | 2503 | 320 Plant issue fee |
| 1460 | 130 | 2460 | 130 Petitions to the Commissioner |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 Prosessing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |
| 1809 | 770 | 1809 | 385 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) |
| 1810 | 770 | 2810 | 385 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) |
| 1801 | 770 | 2801 | 385 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 | 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application |
| Other fee (specify) | | | |
| 770.00 | | | |

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3)

(\$ 770.00)

Complete (if applicable)

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